

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 2008, 1:00 P.M.

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 303, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Mark Anderson and Dwight Inouye, County Attorney Ross Blackham, and County Clerk Sandy Neill. Present from the media is C.R. Truitt. Also present is Gary VanHorn.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

CLAIMS

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Commissioner Anderson makes a motion to approve payment of claims #317612 through #317710. Commissioner Inouye seconds the motion, and the motion passes.

AUDITOR ILENE ROTH: APPROVAL OF STEP RAISE FOR STACEY LYON

Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the step raise for Stacey Lyon to \$12.62 per hour to become effective this pay period. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY BIRD FENCING FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO COMPLETE FENCE AT FAIRGROUNDS

Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payment of \$7,656.00 to Bird Fencing labor and materials for to finish the fence and install a gate at the fairgrounds. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY OKLAND CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK DONE ON NEW SHERIFF COMPLEX

Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payment of \$1,065,584.00 to Okland Construction for work done on the new Sheriff's Complex. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY APPLIED GEOTECHNICAL FOR WORK DONE ON NEW SHERIFF COMPLEX

Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the payment of \$1,743.00 to Applied Geotechnical for construction materials testing and inspection on the new Sheriff's Complex. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes from September 2, 2008 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

CLERK SANDY NEILL: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SCANNER AND SOFTWARE

Sandy Neill is present. She is asking permission to approve the purchase of a duplex scanner and software to be used to scan and index permanent records in the clerk's office. Bids were received from three vendors, and MSC provided the lowest bid. This is the same company that the recorders office has used in the past. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the purchase of the software and scanner at a cost of \$6,810.00 subject to researching whether this scanner and software could be used by other offices in the county, or whether the equipment and software used by the recorders office could be used by other offices. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes.

GREG PETERSON: APPROVAL TO PAY FOR RED DOT SCOPES

Sheriff Holman is present in behalf of Greg Peterson who was called out on a rescue. Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the purchase of six red dot scopes for \$2,699.70. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

SHERIFF KEVIN HOLMAN: APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SANPETE COUNTY; APPROVAL OF COURT SECURITY AND BAILIFF CONTRACTS; APPROVAL OF STEP RAISES FOR JEFRE MCQUIVEY AND TYLER DONALDSON; APPROVAL OF FATPOT 4 PERSONS; PERMISSION TO OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING: 1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE), 11 CONTROL ROOM OPERATORS (FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES), 1 HELPER (PART-TIME TEMPORARY) TO ASSIST BARRY BRADLEY

Sheriff Kevin Holman is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the step raise for Jefre McQuivey to \$17.61 per hour. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve a step raise for Tyler Donaldson to \$16.30 per hour. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the voluntary agreements for the following volunteers for the Sheriff's Office: Richard W Allred, John Allsop, Barry Bradley, Wallace Buchanan, Bruce Burnham, Andy Christensen, Kevin Conover, Vern Fisher, Kelly Hall, Ryan S John, Cheston Madsen, Boyce Mulder, Kerry Nielson, Preston Pritchard, Eddie Shelley, Brian Sorensen, Kerry Steck, and David Taylor. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the court security and bailiff contract. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes. Sheriff Holman explains that FatPot is a mobile software program that will give the officers real time data to be used while on patrol. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the purchase of FatPot for 4 persons at a cost of \$3,200.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes.

Barry Bradley found a volunteer to help him, so a helper will not need to be hired. Sheriff Holman requests to post openings for control room employees and another administrative assistant. The control room employees will need to have some typing skills, good vision, the ability to read and write. They will also be required to pass a background check. The administrative assistant should have the ability to type 60 wpm, and should have computer experience on various software programs. Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the posting of the above positions. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

WENDELL ROBERTS: DISCUSSION OF STATE COURT CONTRACT

Wendell Roberts, the trial court executive for Sixth District Courts is present. The Commissioners ask to be placed on the prioritization list to have the courts build a new court facility. The County was never placed on the list. The courts had originally proposed to have the county bond for a new court facility. A memorandum of understanding would've been made between the county and the court to have the court pay the full amount of the bond through a lease agreement. The courts also agreed to pay all operating costs for the court facility. This would have moved the project forward without having to compete with other state building projects that have been on the list for years. Mr Roberts explains the security problem with the current location for the courts. Options are discussed, but the inconvenience to all of the public coming to the county building would be great. The Commission understand that Sanpete County is the largest contract site with the courts. The Commissioners would all be willing to discuss ending the contract with the courts, turning this site into a state court site. Commissioner Jarrett would like the courts to include a children's justice center when a new facility is built. Based on the citizens vote against the county bonding, the Commissioners don't see a way to have the county build a new facility. This would need to be built by the State. A meeting will be scheduled with Alyn Lunceford, the facilities manager for the Administrative Offices of the Courts in the near future to see what needs to be done for security in this location until a new building can be built, and what can be done to add a new court facility to the prioritization list.

MELODEE SCHARDINE: REQUEST FOR TAX RELIEF ON S 20115x3

Melodee Schardine is present. She is asking to have the penalties and interest removed from the money owed for her past due taxes due to medical problems that have caused financial hardships. Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to waive penalties and interest subject to the Schardines paying the taxes of \$1,080.04 in full by September 30, 2008. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes. The penalties and interest are to be frozen as of today if the above conditions are met.

REVIEW OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE ON CHRISTENBURG ROAD INTO MAYFIELD

Steve Keller appears by phone. Central Utah Telephone will bore, rather than cut into the road. If they are unable to bore, and a cut is required, the damage could be substantial. In the past, damage has happened to roads when a company was unable to lay 3 feet from the road, and they cut in closer. A right of way agreement was approved on August 5, 2008 subject to a \$50,000 bond being issued. CentraCom submitted a \$10,000 bond. The Commission stand by the original agreement, and a \$50,000 bond will need to be posted.

CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE: APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT ON 19600 N 8250 E, WEST OF MT PLEASANT

Motion is made by Commissioner Inouye to approve the right of way agreement with Central Utah Telephone to install copper cable and pedestals west of Mt Pleasant. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the motion passes.

BEE INSPECTOR JOHN SCOTT: ANNUAL BEE REPORT

John Scott is present. This year 504 hives were inspected, representing 12 different apiaries. This was the worst year for bees in Sanpete County in the last decade. The winter was hard, and then beehives were wiped out from Moroni to Manti by a possible illegal spraying of Furidan in June. The spraying was done at times of the day when bees are in the air. This killed all the bees in the field, and then continued killing bees for the next two weeks as the bees gathered nectar and returned to the hives. This allegation is being investigated by the state. A federal case will be opened if the state finds evidence to support what they suspect happened. One apiary with 9 hives, on an average year produces 45-60 gallons of honey. This year, the apiary produced 5 gallons of honey. Another apiary with 25 hives, only produced 60 gallons of honey, which is under half of what it should produce. There is no evidence of colony collapse disorder in Sanpete County. Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the report, and to authorize the payment of \$1,500.00 for Mr Scott's bee inspector services for the year. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session is needed.

EMERY POLELONEMA: DISCUSSION OF CIB

Emery Polelonema, Todd Thorne, and Russ Cowley are present. Mr Polelonema leaves a draft of the 2008 CIB consolidated local capital improvement list for the Commission to review. This will be finalized later in the year. Mr Thorne advises of a workshop that will be held on Monday on applying for grants. It is mandatory to attend this workshop before applying for CDBG grants. The County would like to apply for a CDBG grant for video visitations in the new jail facility. Kevin Christensen is now present. The county needs to have one person attend the training for each project that they would like to apply for. The money for CDBG comes from HUD, and is distributed based on population.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: APPROVAL TO APPOINT TED MICKLE TO THE TRAVEL COUNCIL (TO REPLACE STEVE THORSEN)

Kevin Christensen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson to appoint Ted Mickle to the travel council. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Inouye, and the motion passes.

MONTE BONA, JOHN STEVENS, KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: WORK MEETING FOR SANPETE EVENTS CENTER

Monte Bona, John Stevens, John G Scott, Shauna Stevens, Lynn Larsen, Wanda Terry, Reed Thomas, Vern Fisher, Newell Moss, Pam Larsen, Charles McKay, Elden Fackrell and Kevin Christensen are present. Monte Bona explains that a redevelopment agency was created in 1983 by Mt Pleasant. The agency is in its 25th year of 30 years. A committee has been formed to update the redevelopment agency to reflect changes in the statutes, and also to tie it together with a long term plan to develop an event center and arena. He explains that Mt Pleasant City has donated 40 acres for the new Sanpete Events center with another 60 acres available for future expansion. A grant for \$565,000 and a loan for \$1,000,000 have been secured from the CIB for this project. John Stevens provides information that explains the goals and objectives of the project. John Stevens explains that

this project would be done in phases. The indoor arena and surrounding infrastructure would be the first phase. An existing fairly new arena complete with inside stalls, lighting, conduit, etc. in Saratoga Springs is available to be purchased for a reasonable price. The cost to purchase and relocate the arena would be approximately \$1,000,000. Reed Thomas introduces those that are present today, and their interest in the project. Mr Thomas sees a value in this location because it is closer to urban areas, near Wasatch Academy, and only 1½ hours from a major airport. Kevin Christensen believes this is a great project that will benefit Sanpete County. Vern Fisher explains that they are asking Sanpete County to commit 50% of the increased county taxes received from property in this RDA area due to new growth. Mt Pleasant will be committing 100% of the increased taxes received. The committee is concerned that if the county and school district does not commit, then the project may not happen. The Commissioners ask whether the city will have sufficient revenue for their needs if they contribute 100% of their revenue from the growth in this RDA. The committee sees this as an enhancement to Mt Pleasant's economic development. They feel that the increase in revenue in the rest of the city will more than make up for the decrease in revenue for this area. The committee has considered what would happen if it becomes too expensive to haul horses to the arena. Reed Thomas explains that even in an economic crisis, there is still a strong economy when you reach out to the people who do have the money. There are people who have the money who would like to rent stalls to keep their horses close to the mountains. John Stevens states that for those that have horses, their life is their horses. They will do what it takes to be able to enjoy their horses, because it is a priority to them. Those in attendance agree that volunteers would be willing to help keep the center running.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion is made by Commissioner Anderson go out of commission meeting and into Board of Equalization. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Jarrett, and the motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lee Holmstead, Robin Davis, and Ginny Davis are present. Final approval of West Subdivision was left off the agenda. It will be heard on a special meeting held on September 30, 2008 at 6:45 P.M. at the Mt Pleasant City Hall.

The meeting is adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

ATTEST: Sandy Neill
Sandy Neill
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: Claudia Jarrett
Claudia Jarrett
Commission Chair